Visit of Central team to Hailstorm affected areas of M.P.

†3952. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central team had visited hailstorm affected areas of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, when and who were members of the team;

(c) the areas visited by that team and its recommendations; and

(d) by when the affected farmers are going to get Central assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The team was led by a Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) and consisted of representatives from Planning Commission, Department of Rural Development and Crops Division of DAC.

(c) and (d) The Central team visited the affected areas in Madhya Pradesh recently for assessment of the situation. The matter is under process.

Demand and Production of Wheat and Rice

3953. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2772 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th April, 2002 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production of wheat and rice in the country is in surplus of the demand; and

(b) if so, the production of wheat and rice during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and demand for the same ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.